



City of Chicopee, Massachusetts

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Minutes for May 21, 2009

In attendance: Commissioners Goulette, Borowiec, Grise and Beaulieu. Also in attendance Attorney Thomas Rooke.

Minutes for April are presented to the Board. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a new Beer/Wine Package Store for Quick Pic ,452 Chicopee Street with Irfan Kashif as manager. In attendance: Irfan Kashif. Mr. Kashif informs the Board that he has owned the business for about 1 year. He is looking to increase sales with the downturn in the economy. He has worked in a 7-11 store that sold liquor so he has some experience. Commissioner Goulette asks if all the abutters were notified and they have been. Mr. Kashif submits the return receipts. Commissioner Goulette also makes a note that there is an unfavorable recommendation from the Planning Board. Commissioner Borowiec states he will not be in favor of this license because of the difficulty in controlling the sale of alcohol when there are not separate entrances and exits. There have been issues of selling to underage patrons with the existing beer and wine package stores. Also there is a lack of public need as there are at least 3 other package stores within a 1 to 3 mile radius. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to deny this application based on a lack of public need and the unfavorable Planning Board recommendation which include- Small Neighborhood store with many young customers and the difficulty separating the alcohol from other items for sale. It isn't uncommon to find individuals who have already had enough to drink in a package store. Increased trash, bottles and cans in the neighborhood. Other license for beer & wine sales in similar surroundings have been denied in the recent past, including locations on Chicopee Street, Meetinghouse Road and the corner of Grattan and Meadow Street. Commissioner Borowiec seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Hearing for Maximum Capacity, 116 School St. In attendance: Don Robert and Don Robert, Jr. Mr. Robert, Jr informs the Board that they have purchased the handheld scanners and they have brought them for the Board to inspect. Commissioner Goulette asks to see the receipt at which time Attorney Rooke informs the Board that the scanners were purchased and sent Attorney Labrie's office. Mr. Robert does have the receipt which the Board reviews. Commissioner Goulette reminds them that the scanners are a great tool but a visual ID must accompany this as well. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion that the five day suspension will be served on the following dates June 21, June 28, July 4, July 5 and July 12, 2009. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Report concerning possible Lodging House violations. In attendance: City Councilor Dino Brunetti and several Casey Drive residents. Councilor Brunetti informs the Board that there have been several police reports concerning a property located at 172 Casey Drive and the possibility that it is an illegal lodging house. The Commissioners have reviewed all the reports we have received. The neighbors have valid concerns over this property. The Health Department has been notified of several violations and the owners have complied with their orders. At this time Commissioner Goulette thanks the residents and Councilor Brunetti for bringing this to our attention but the issues they have described are Police and Health

Department issues. Also Councilor Brunetti and the residents are informed that if this owner does apply for a Lodging House permit the Health, Fire and Building Departments must inspect the property and sign off on the application before the License Commission reviews the application. Councilor Brunetti states that the City Council will be reviewing the zoning regulations regarding lodging house permits and will keep this Board informed of any changes. At this time the Commission recommends that the Police Department be informed of the possible illegal activities in the neighborhood.

Application for a Change of Officer/Directors for the Chicopee Center Legion, 43 Chicopee St with Wayne Stec as manager. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Change of Officer/Directors for the Elks Lodge, 431 Granby Rd with Bob Garczynski as manager. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 3-0. Commissioner Goulette abstains as he is a member.

Application for a 2009 renewal of a Mobile Common Victualer for Foley's Franks with Mike Foley as manager (new). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Common Victualer for Quick Pick, 452 Chicopee St with M. Waseem as manager (new). Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Beaulieu seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Common Victualer for Rodriguez Market, 95 School St with Jose Rodriguez as manager (new). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Mobile Common Victualer for the Smokin' Grillhouse with Donald Sarna as manager/owner (new). Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Beaulieu seconds. Motion approved 4-0

Application for additional Automatic Amusements (1 - Big Tony's Table Top Video, 1 -Tic Tac Fruit) for The Rumbleseat, 482 Springfield St with Bill Stetson as manager. Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Borowiec seconds. Motion approved 3-1. Commissioner Beaulieu opposes.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Wine/Beer) for the Pastime Cafe Picnic, 95 School St on May 30, 2009 from 2:00PM until 10:00PM with Guy Larrivee as applicant. (Function will be held in the parking lot and will be cordoned off and monitored). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve with the conditions that the parking lot be cordoned off and monitored. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Wine & Malt) for the Chicopee Fest of All Beer Garden to be held at Szot Park, Front St on:

July 2, 10:00AM until 10:00PM

July 3, 10:00AM until 10:00PM

July 4, 10:00 AM until 10:00PM

July 5, 11:00 AM until 8:00PM

with Ronald Belair as applicant. Function will be held in a contained and monitored area. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve and waive the fee. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Fest of All Mobile Common Victualers

Fairview Deli, 235 Fairview Ave with Ronald Bonafilia as manager. Commissioner Borowiec makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Borowiec seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Late Files

Application for an additional Automatic Amusements (1 Skill Touch) for Country Trading Post, 771 Burnett Rd with Carl Roy as manager. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for an Automatic Amusements (1 Skill Touch) for Cafeno's, 76 Main St with Steve Sheldon as manager (new). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Wine & Malt) for the Portuguese Club Memorial Weekend Picnic ,147 Exchange St to be held on :

Saturday May 23, 2009 4:00 PM until 10:00PM
Sunday May 24, 2009 12:00 PM until 10:00PM
Monday May 25, 2009, 12:00 PM until 10:00PM

with Joe Francisco as applicant. Function will be held in the parking lot and will be contained and monitored. Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Beaulieu seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit(Wine/Beer) for the Rivera Baptismal Reception to be held at Ahepa,193 St. James Ave on May 31,2009 from 5:00PM until 10:00PM with Elizabeth Rivera as applicant. Commissioner Grise makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Beaulieu seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Wine & Malt) for Patti's Four-Ten , 32 Quincy Ave for A Going Away Party to be held on Saturday May 30 from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM with Patti Bousquet as applicant. Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve. Commissioner Grise seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Application for a Special One-Day Permit (Wine & Malt) for the 8th Annual Classic Car Show to be held at the BJ'S /Topor Plaza, 650 Memorial Dr on June 14, 2009 from 9:00AM until 3:00 PM with Don Roy as an applicant.(Area will be cordoned off and monitored). Commissioner Beaulieu makes a motion to approve and amend the time to 11:00 AM and that the area be cordoned off and monitored. Commissioner Borowiec seconds. Motion approved 4-0.

Filing fees are read into the record by Commissioner Beaulieu.

ABCC – Portuguese Club, 147 Exchange St was disapproved because of non compliance with tax laws. They have been notified by mail as to what agency to contact to rectify this situation.

Commissioner Goulette informs the Board that we have received a police report concerning the Liquorshed, 1345 Burnett Rd. Also the inactive license will be brought in for a progress report.